METHOD 7430

LITHIUM (ATOMIC ABSORPTION, DIRECT ASPIRATION)

1.0 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

1.1 See Section 1.0 of Method 7000.

2.0 SUMMARY OF METHOD

2.1 See Section 2.0 of Method 7000.

3.0 INTERFERENCES

3.1 See Section 3.0 of Method 7000 if interferences are suspected.

4.0 APPARATUS AND MATERIALS

4.1 For basic apparatus, see Section 4.0 of Method 7000.

4.2 Instrument parameters (general):

4.2.1 Lithium hollow cathode lamp.

4.2.2 Wavelength: 670.8 nm.

4.2.3 Fuel: Acetylene.

4.2.4 Oxidant: Air.

4.2.5 Type of flame: Oxidizing (fuel lean).

4.2.6 Background Correction: Not required.

5.0 REAGENTS

5.1 See Section 5.0 of Method 7000.

5.2 Preparation of standards

5.2.1 Stock solution: (1.0 mL = 1.0 mg Li). Dissolve 5.324 g lithium carbonate, Li_2CO_3, in a minimum volume of 1:1 HCl and dilute to 1 liter with water. Alternatively, procure a certified standard from a supplier and verify by comparison with a second standard.

5.2.2 Prepare dilutions of the stock solution to be used as calibration standards at the time of analysis. The calibration standards should be prepared using the same type of acid as the samples used to prepare the samples and cover the range of expected concentrations in the samples.

6.0 SAMPLE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, AND HANDLING

6.1 See Chapter Three, Step 3.1.3, Sample Handling and Preservation.

7.0 PROCEDURE

7.1 Sample preparation - The procedures for preparation of the sample are given in Chapter Three, Step 3.2.

7.2 See Method 7000, Step 7.2, Direct Aspiration.

8.0 QUALITY CONTROL

8.1 See Section 8.0 of Method 7000.

9.0 METHOD PERFORMANCE

9.1 The performance characteristics for an aqueous sample free of interferences are:

Optimum concentration range: 0.1-2 mg/L at a wavelength of 670.8 nm.
Sensitivity: 0.04 mg/L.
Detection limit: 0.002 mg/L.

10.0 REFERENCES

1. Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 16th ed.; Greenberg, A.E.; Trussell, R.R.; Clesceri, L.S., Eds.; American Water Works Association, Water Pollution Control Federation, American Public Health Association: Washington, DC, 1985.

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